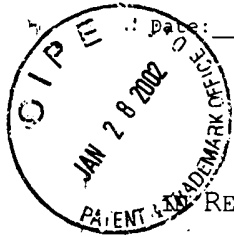


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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 6, 2001 in the above-identified application, Applicants provide the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 21-32 and 57-81 are pending in the application. Claims 21-32 and 57-81 have been rejected. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicants petition the Commissioner for a 2-month extension of time. A separate petition accompanies this amendment.

I. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 71-81 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly